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Prosecutor Hurt garners powerful support

By Carl Chase

NEWARK — Black leaders in Essex County not only support deposed Prosecutor Patricia Hurt despite the state's move to remove her; their review of Hurt's crime-fighting operation indicated she had raised morale and productivity, NAACP executives said. And they found Hurt's annual budget — subject of a virtual war with County Executive Jim Treflinger — to be a necessary amount.

Based on a review and on-site inspection of the Prosecutor's Office by NAACP leaders, the presidents of the Newark, Irvington, Oranges-Maplewood and Montclair NAACP branches asserted that the budget is necessary to recruit and maintain an excellent staff of officers.

"Having the highest case-load in New Jersey, and one of the highest in the U.S.," the Coalition of NAACP Branches in Essex County stated in an open letter to the press, Hurt needed that kind of personnel and the technology to succeed.

At Gov. Christine Whitman's request on July 27, State Attorney General John J. Farmer stripped Hurt of her powers, replacing her with Assistant A.G. Donald Campolo. Farmer cited alleged mismanagement, along with the recent indictments of four investigators accused of brutality and misconduct. Treflinger okayed the termination from the payroll. Some observers believe Hurt was undermined with the help of Treflinger supporters in Hurt's office. The coalition gathered at the Newark Branch office on Clinton Street on July 31 and pledged to support Hurt, who has vowed to fight for her job. Basically, she was tried without due process," said Branch President Daniel Williams.

"By what standard was her competence being measured," said Tracey Cosby, president of the Oranges-Maplewood Branch. "The amount one spends to upgrade facilities? The lack of manpower due to the state's budget-cutting, or a \$130 leather trash basket?" she said, noting Hurt had inherited payroll obligations the department had committed to during the reign of Hurt's predecessor, Clifford Minor.

"When insignificant factors like a... trash basket are used to support a prosecutor being relieved from duty, then there appears to be a smokescreen

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behind which, we suspect, there is something even less credible," said Cosby.

"We're not going to let people forget what was done here," Montclair NAACP President James Harris said later that day, adding the state NAACP already is fielding representatives to fill out petitions and to register voters in time for the general election in November, when Whitman and Treflinger will be seeking election. "We'll be ready," he said.

A day earlier, the National Bar Association, the largest black legal organization in the U.S., had pledged to support Hurt and charged that the state takeover of her office could prevent other black attorneys from seeking jobs as prosecutors. Hurt was the second black woman to head a prosecutor's office in New Jersey. She's the third prosecutor this decade to be "superseded," meaning an attorney general assumes the power of the prosecutor at the request of the governor, grand jury, freeholder board or assignment judge.

United they stand African-American Male Empowerment Summit



The Second Annual African American Male Empowerment Summit (AAMES) participants included (l-r) Dr. Cornell West of Harvard University, Mark Lawrence, founder of AAMES, basketball legend PeeWee Kirkland, and WBAL Radio talk-show host Bernard White.

By Jean H. Pierre
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — The state of black men recently took center stage at Columbia University as prominent scholars, authors and business executives took part in the second annual African American Male Empowerment Summit (AAMES).

The highlight of the summit was the keynote address given by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who took some of today's stars to task in regard to their absence in the struggle. "This is the first generation where many of our artists have nothing to do with our own community. They look like us, they act like us, but in the real struggle they're nowhere in sight," said Sharpton. "Sammy Davis Jr., Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier, they were part of the movement. You can't name me any of these corporate sponsored celebrities that are involved in any movement other than taking young black folks money."

The reverend also mentioned the role of parents needing to be greater in the lives of their children. "There was a time when our parents fought to make sure their children could be whatever they wanted to be. Today, we are giving our kids nothing but excuses for why we can't continue the struggle to do better," said Sharpton. "We've become to

detached from the roots of our past. We must connect to it again."

The summit was created to enrich the character and ambition of black men and educate and establish bridges to a successful future, according to founder Mark Lawrence.

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"This conference is about promoting these entities and bringing young people together," said Lawrence, who's also executive director of Lawrence Marketing Associates. "With established entrepreneurs, mentors and community leaders, we can ensure progress for future generations."

The summit began with a panel discussion featuring some of the brightest minds

today, which included Dr. Cornell West from Harvard University and basketball great PeeWee Kirkland. The panel offered their comments on issues ranging from male-female relationships to spiritual well-being, which, according to West is lacking.

"We've become more and more thinner in relying on church today," said West. "When we lose that spirituality, we're no more. That's not what our ancestors had in mind."

The audience, compiled of men and women ranging in age from about 18-40, seemed to be in tune with the respected guest and engaged in a question and answer format. A woman called out for help to members on the panel in regard to her being a single parent and raising two male children. The woman was encouraged to speak to the panelist after the summit to obtain information on programs to involve her children in.

The panel also dwelled on economic empowerment and building sufficient communities. John Beas, president of The Valley, a youth mentor organization, feels that some of us do not support our institutions.

"What are we doing with our money. How many shoes, cars, or jewelry can we buy," said Beas. "We need to buy, own, control, and invest in the next generation. Put our money where our thought, mind, and spirit is in the community."

Former National Baptist leader seeks reduced sentence



Reverend Henry Lyons

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Attorneys for the Rev. Henry Lyons, former president of the National Baptist Convention USA, asked for a reduced state prison sentence in a petition filed recently. Lyons' attorneys said the minister is "truly repentant" and would not repeat the racketeering and grand theft crimes for which he received a 51/2-year sentence. "If there was a lesson to be learned, he has learned it," the petition said. Lyons, 57, was convicted in state court Feb. 27 of swindling \$4 million from businesses eager to reach members of one of the nation's largest black church groups. Lyons also was convicted of stealing nearly \$250,000 donated by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to rebuild burned black churches in the South. He then was sentenced in June by a federal judge to 4 1/4 years after pleading guilty to tax evasion and fraud. Since the federal and state sentences run concurrently, the federal penalty didn't add any time to Lyons' stay behind bars. Circuit Judge Susan Schaeffer is scheduled to hear the request Aug. 18 to reduce his state sentence. State prosecutor Bill Loughery, who led the case against Lyons, declined comment on the petition. Federal prosecutors have said they will seek to have his federal sentence increased. Lyons is serving his sentence with murderers and rapists and has learned the value of his freedom, said defense attorney lawyer Denis de Vlaming. He was taken from protective custody and required to undergo "boot camp training" with inmates who have records for violent crime, the lawyer added.

Look who made the NAACP grade Midterm Legislative Report Card NEW JERSEY

MIDTERM LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD
100th CONGRESS 1999-2000
Date of Issue: July 9, 1999

U.S. Senate				
Grade for 100th Congress	1 for 100th Congress	Grade for 100th Congress	Midterm Issues for 100th Congress	2 for 100th Congress
Lautenberg				
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Lautenberg	A	100%	B	88%
Torricelli				
Torricelli	B	80%	A	100%

The NAACP Midterm Legislative Report Card is a presentation of selected congressional votes taken on significant civil rights issues in both the House and the Senate during the first six months of the 106th Congress. For more information on the votes taken during the 105th Congress, please feel free to contact the NAACP Washington Bureau at (202) 638-2269.

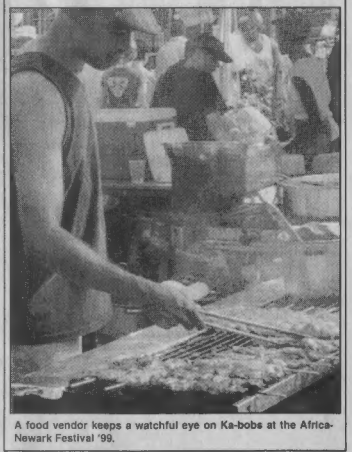
U.S. House of Representatives

Grade for 105th Congress	1 for 105th Congress	Grade for 105th Congress	Midterm Issues for 105th Congress	2 for 105th Congress
Andrews				
Andrews	B	83.3%	A	100%
LoBlondo				
LoBlondo	F	25%	F	33%
Saxton				
Saxton	F	33.3%	F	30%
Smith, Chris				
Smith, Chris	F	16.7%	C	66%
Rothman				
Rothman	F	33.3%	C	66%
Pallone				
Pallone	A	91.7%	A	100%
Franks, Bob				
Franks, Bob	F	16.7%	C	66%
Pascrell				
Pascrell	B	83.3%	A	100%
Rothman				
Rothman	B	83.3%	A	100%
Payne				
Payne	A	17%	A	100%
Frelinghuysen				
Frelinghuysen	F	16.7%	C	66%
Holt				
Holt	I	I	A	100%
Menendez				
Menendez	A	91.7%	A	100%

VOTE KEY
= votes in favor of the NAACP position
= voted against NAACP position
? = did not vote I = Did not serve in the Congress
Italics = Republicans

GRADING SCALE
A = 100-90% B = 89-80% C = 79-70%
D = 69-60% F = 59-0%

Get your Bar-B-Q on



A food vendor keeps a watchful eye on Ka-bobs at the Newark Festival '99.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

TOMBS RIVER — The Cruise! Classic Car Show gives people the chance to view the most spectacular automobiles of the 50s and 60s throughout the downtown area. Call (732) 349-0220 for the time and information.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH — The Annual Seaside Sale attracts residents throughout the state to view some of the latest items that are up for sale in the downtown area through Aug. 15. Call (732) 889-2424 for time and information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

EDISON — The NAACP branch of Metuchen-Edison hosts its grand meeting at the Edison Job Corps Campus, 7 p.m. (732) 205-9888.

OCEAN CITY — The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority presents the 50th Annual Baby Parade at the Music Pier. Call (609) 449-7126 for time and information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

WILLOWOOD — The Fifth Annual Blues Festival is day celebration of great food, crafts, and the best blues music anywhere at the Holy Beach Station Mall. Call (609) 723-9818 for time and information.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents jazz musician Vince Serrano and the Platinum II Jazz Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Lunchtime Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 739-1800.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

IRVINGTON — The City of Irvington presents the 5th Annual Irvington Day Celebration at Orange Park, behind Irvington High School. 12 p.m. (973) 399-6988.

HOLMDEL — The Friends of New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial will host its 4th annual 5k race and 1 mile fun run walk. Saturday August 14, 1999 5k Race - 6:30am 1 mile run - 8:15am. New Jersey Veterans Memorial Located at exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway (adjacent to the PNC Bank Arts Center). For more information call (856) 468-9650.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

EAST BRUNSWICK — The ZanyBairny Story hosts its production of "It's a Classic Story 'Ain't You My Mother'." Show 11 a.m. (732) 651-0002.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

SCOTCH PLAINS — The annual John Shipon Memorial Golf Tournament takes place at the Shickamoon Country Club.

Call (908) 322-5486 for time and information.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents Genesis International at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Lunchtime Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 739-1800.

NEW YORK — The Museum of the City of New York presents an exhibit on East Harlem and the impact of Paul Robeson. 2 p.m. (212) 534-1672.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

JERSEY CITY — The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. New Jersey Chapter presents "A Masked Affair" Dinner Cruise aboard the Spirit of New Jersey. The ship will depart from Liberty Landing Marina at Liberty State Park. 8:30 p.m. (201) 434-1826.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

HOLMDEL — The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation will feature Paul Dine, author and former combat infantryman, Vietnam Era Educational Center, adjacent to the PNC Bank Arts Center. 7 p.m. (732) 335-0353.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents the Black Vinyl Blues Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Lunchtime Concert Series. 12 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

SOMERSET — The Second Annual East Coast Large Scale Train Show takes place at the Garden State Exhibit Center through Aug. 29. 10 a.m. (732) 489-4000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

GRANFORD — Union County College hosts a workshop on financial aid. 6 p.m. (908) 709-7141.

BROOKLYN, NY — The Annual West Indian Day Parade is a honored tradition bring all the Caribbean islands together for the joyous celebration. It starts at Eastern Parkway and Ends at Flatbush Ave. Call (718) 467-1797 for time and information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

PLAINFIELD — Union County College hosts a workshop on financial aid. 6 p.m. (908) 709-7141.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PASSAIC — The Passaic Chapter of NAACP presents its Ninth Annual African American Day Festival & Parade. Third World Park. 9 a.m. (973) 772-9900.

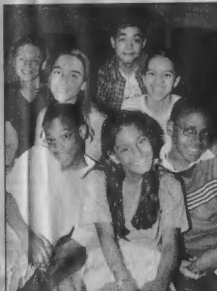
Queen Latifah and the Nets team up at young women's clinic



EAST RUTHERFORD — While promoting her new book, "Ladies First," actress and recording artist Queen Latifah (center) took part in the New Jersey Nets Young Women's Clinic to benefit 75 members of Newark, New Jersey's Best Friends organization at the Nets Champion Center in East Rutherford. The event gave Latifah a chance to personally discuss the contents of her new book, which emphasizes the importance of having a positive attitude and surrounding yourself with positive people. She also shared many of her own life experiences and hardships. Latifah wanted the girls to understand that they too, could overcome anything to achieve success. Best Friends is an organization that teaches young women to stay away from drugs and prevent unwanted teen pregnancy. The program encompasses a range of structured activities designed to foster such areas as self-esteem, positive peer pressure and information about substance abuse. Best Friends is sponsored by Freedom Foundation of New Jersey, Inc. and run out of George Washington Charter School in Newark.

Newark students learn on college campuses nationwide

NEWARK — Twenty-one elementary school students from the Newark Public Schools were given the opportunity to spend part of their summer vacation studying at prestigious colleges — some going as far away as California — thanks to a program sponsored by Johns Hopkins University and funded by a grant from the Dodge Foundation. This program is designed to prepare advanced students for the challenges they will face in high school. The Newark Public Schools students who were represented are from Abington Avenue, Ann Street, Bragaw Avenue, Camden Street, First Avenue and Lafayette Street schools.



Students complete project grad program at Bloomfield College



BLOOMFIELD — Some 60 students from Malcolm X Sheabaz High School in Newark recently completed Project GRAD (Graduation Ready Achieves Dreams), a 4-week summer institute held at Bloomfield College. Students began the two-part program last summer with classes at Essex County College. Project GRAD/Network, funded by Lucent Technologies and the Ford Foundation, strengthens youngsters' academic performance, provides mentoring, and introduces students to a college classroom environment.

A key to Project GRAD/Network is the offer of a partial college scholarship for students who achieve a set of academic standards, graduate with their class, and complete two college-based summer institutes. Project GRAD is a not-for-profit organization initiated in the Houston Independent School District in 1993 to improve the instructional quality and culture of at-risk feeder systems of schools. Project GRAD is partnered with 24 schools and 17,000 children nationwide. Its philosophy is that all pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students can be effective learners regardless of background. If appropriate and timely programmatic interventions are infused into the primary grades.

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FOURTH NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST TO STOP BUSTUP

WASHINGTON — Plans are underway for the fourth National Day of Protest to Stop Bustup, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation, sponsored by the national office of the October 22nd Committee. The event is for Oct. 22 in New York City. A diverse group of over 75 representatives from Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Detroit, Cleveland, Greenville and Houston recently met in Detroit to plan the agenda, which will include rallies, marches and workshops.

In addition, the coalition is involved in the Stolen Lives Project, which has been doing more than 2000 cases of people who have been shot, beaten or pepper-sprayed by members of law enforcement since 1980. The research is ongoing and results will be published in a book due out this summer. Call (212) 477-8062.

BLACK PROMOTERS SUPPORT NAACP PROTESTS OF RACISM IN TV PROGRAMMING

ATLANTA — The Rev. Joseph Lowery, spokesperson for the Black Promoters Association and founder emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, hailed the NAACP initiative against the exclusion of black artists in new television programming.

His association is currently campaigning to bring an end to the embargo against Black promoters and other businesses within the concert industry.

"The promoters have been picketing, picketing, and have been a lawsuit against talent agencies such as William Morris and Creative Artists for excluding Black promoters from handling contracts featuring White artists and stellar Black artists," Rev. Lowery said. "Now that the NAACP has opened a second front in the struggle against economic injustice in the entertainment industry, both talent agencies and major TV networks must face up to their responsibilities to put an end to the exclusion of Black promoters, other Black-owned businesses and artists."

CENSUS BUREAU TO HELP NON-CITIZENS FOR CENSUS 2000

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Census Bureau has announced that it has been granted a waiver by the Department of Commerce allowing it to hire qualified non-citizens for the 2000 decennial census.

"Allowing the Bureau to hire non-citizens who are legally residing in United States gives the agency an important tool to find and count those people living in hard-to-enumerate areas," said the Bureau. "The nation is home to people representing many different languages and cultures. But, they are part of the American family and every effort should be expended to find and count them in Census 2000."

HUD AWARDS \$3.1 MILLION IN GRANTS TO HELP ELDERLY AND DISABLED

WASHINGTON — Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Andrew Cuomo recently awarded \$3.1 million in grants to 26 states to help low-income elderly and disabled citizens get with care, meals and other supportive services they need while living in HUD-subsidized housing.

"These grants will help older Americans and people with disabilities stay out of nursing homes and institutions and continue living in their homes," Cuomo said. "They will help families stay together and improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable citizens."

Among the states targeted for the funds are: California, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina, Virginia, New York and Maryland.

MILLIONS MISSING FROM STATE OF BENIN

COTONOU (IPS) — Over \$100 million have disappeared from the state of Benin in the past three years, according to a report by a presidential commission.

The commission, which concluded its investigation on July 1, delivered a report to President Mathieu Kérékou branding the names of those ministers suspected of being involved with the missing funds.

Local newspapers say suspected legislators and government officials will soon be investigated.

Judge says Brown vs. Board case finally at an end

By Carl Manning
AP Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The landmark U.S. Supreme Court case that started the end of legal segregation by states was a legal history. The Topeka School Board of Education of Topeka case helped end an era where separate-but-equal Jim Crow laws were a fact of life in parts of the nation, although the legal issues of the case dealt with school segregation. "We all seem to have missed emotions. We're pleased that we were able to come to some type of remedy without a lot of anger," Robert McFrazier, Topeka Public Schools superintendent, told reporters Thursday. School board president Bruce Mallory said: "We see it as a milestone and not a destination. We still have a way to go." U.S. District Judge Richard Rogers of Topeka ended court supervision of the desegregation plan for Topeka schools. "The vestiges of past discrimination in the school district have been eliminated to the extent practicable," the judge said in his four-page order, issued Tuesday. Richard Jones, the plaintiff's attorney, said he was "appalled the judge's order but will keep a close on the school district. 'I feel like we've done as much as we can do,'" Jones said. The case was brought by Rogers, who presided over the case 20 years, wasn't a surprise to those

involved. In April, the school district asked him to end court supervision, and last month the plaintiffs said they had no objections. The school district has 14,000 students, and 41 percent of them are black and other minorities. At the time of the Supreme Court's 1954 ruling, 225 black students attended four segregated elementary schools in Topeka. The Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional the laws that permitted separate schools for blacks and whites. At that time, Kansas law allowed for segregated elementary schools. The Kansas case was consolidated with other cases brought by the NAACP from South Carolina, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The combined cases, however, carried the name of the Topeka father whose daughter could not enroll in the all-white school nearest to her home. At the time of the ruling, 16 schools that required separate facilities, and four, including Kansas, had laws allowing them. Although the case dealt specifically with schools, it had a major impact toward ending state-sanctioned segregation of public accommodations such as parks, restaurants and libraries. In 1979, Jones, a black attorney, convinced the Supreme Court to end the "separate but equal" doctrine. The Brown, the Topeka woman who could not enroll in her neighborhood school as a girl, said that a revised version of the Brown lawsuit. It claimed Topeka schools still were segregated. The

school district spent more than \$1 million in legal fees. Rogers ruled in 1987 that neighborhood schools reflected the city's housing patterns. But the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver reversed him in 1989. Four years later, the Supreme Court declined to take the case. In 1994, Rogers approved a desegregation plan for Topeka schools, which didn't go into full effect until 1996. Three elementary schools were built and eight others closed. The plan also provided free transportation for students to targeted schools. It took the English as a Second Language program and its mostly minority students to schools with largely white populations to achieve a better racial mix and moved the elementary gift program to magnet schools. Before the remedy plan, 13 of the 26 elementary schools didn't meet the court's standard for racial balance, based on the overall percentage of minority students in the elementary, middle and high schools. The court said the schools have been in compliance since 1996. School officials said the desegregation plan will continue with one minor change. The district, with court approval, will return the elementary gift program to the neighborhood schools from magnet schools this fall. Only 35 students were in the program last year. "We have no intention to dismantle the remedies," McFrazier said.

Earl Graves raises 1.2 million for NAACP scholarship fund

NEW YORK — Earl G. Graves Sr., chairman and publisher of B L A C K P U B L I C A T I O N S, announced a new fund with several business associates and corporations. Graves, a spokesman established the Earl G. Graves Sr. Earl G. Graves/NAACP Scholarship Fund, the recipient of the 34th NAACP Spingarn Medal, made the announcement at the recent Freedom Fund Spingarn Awards Banquet at the New York Hilton.

Mr. Graves was the catalyst in rais-

ing \$1,230,000 to create the scholarship fund. The fund will be endowed and have its own trustees that will include executives from the NAACP as well as business leaders. Graves is the General Manager of his former Pepsi affiliate and John C. Graves, President of BLACK ENTERPRISE Unlimited.

"I am a small-time entrepreneur who is determined to help others to dream and to succeed. One of the young people who receives a scholarship today will receive a degree from a top university," Graves said. "While we need to have all avenues of business explored and mastered, I am sincerely hoping that some of these graduates will consider entrepreneurship as a profession."

The Earl G. Graves/NAACP Scholarship Fund was established to provide young people with scholarships for college and in some instances graduate

school.

"The scholarship fund is a reflection of Earl Graves' enormous generosity and community spirit," said Roger Enrico, chairman and chief executive officer of PepsiCo, Inc. "Thanks to his leadership and foresight, more young African Americans will have the opportunity to get the education they need to pursue careers in business."

BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine is the premier business news source for African Americans. Since 1970, BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine has provided essential business information and advice for professionals, corporate executives, entrepreneurs and decision makers. Monthly, the publication provides 3.1 million readers information on entrepreneurship, careers and finance management.

McDonald's parenting conference promotes partnerships and alliances

OKA BROOK, IL. — To say that it's a formidable challenge to be a parent today would certainly be an understatement. Parents are consistently dealing with the rigors of developing well-balanced children, while juggling their careers. And, devoting quality time to the family in many cases has become an after-thought. So what are parents to do? What are the guidelines for being an effective parent? Are there any? According to the McDonald's National Parenting Conference, parents are now turning to other parents for advice and guidance. They are organizing community meetings and forums to discuss the challenges of parenthood.

Understanding this need for an open platform, the McDonald's National Parenting Conference hosted the third annual national confab for parents nationwide to share information, resources and experiences with other parents. The 1999 McDonald's National Parenting Conference, which took place at Walt Disney World's premier Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida, boasted a stellar lineup of useful and interesting workshops, seminars and wholesome activities for the entire family. The Conference was presented under the theme "Parenting: Work Initiated by Daily, No is the 10-month Fulbright grant in Swaziland, the land-locked kingdom of one million people located between Mozambique and South Africa.

"The reason the McDonald's National Parenting Conference exists is because necessity has mandated it," said Maisha Gibson, event co-founder and mother of three. "Parents are seeking

out other parents to form partnerships and alliances. They are looking for opportunities to network and dialogue with successful parents and experts about the toughest job of all."

Highlights of this year's conference included the second annual McDonald's Parents Awards, honoring outstanding achievements in the categories of "Father of the Year," "Mother of the Year," as well as inspiring remarks by keynote speaker Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, a noted author, educator, orator and publisher. Other features included a live, remote broadcast of the popular "Doug Banks Show" on the ABC Radio Network spotlighting parenting issues.

The McDonald's National Parenting Conference was conceived in 1997 to provide an open forum for parents nationwide to share information, resources and experiences with other parents. It also serves as a momentum-building send-off for youth for each upcoming school year.

The National Parenting Conference, Inc. is a private, non-profit Chicago-based corporation formed in 1995 with the goal of addressing the needs of traditional and current family structures including those of single parents, grandparents, adoptive and foster parents. McDonald's is a proud sponsor of the food-service retailer, with nearly 25,000 restaurants serving over 40 million people each day in 115 countries. Approximately 35 percent of McDonald's restaurants are owned and operated by independent franchisees.

Fulbright scholar helps bring the computer to Swaziland

WASHINGTON — In partnership with Microsoft Ltd. and rural education programs in southern Africa, Fulbright Senior Scholar and University of South Florida Prof. John L. Daly is bringing cutting-edge computer technology to Swaziland, the land-locked kingdom of one million people located between Mozambique and South Africa.

Government officials and school teachers will benefit from the comprehensive information technology program initiated by Daly. No is the 10-month Fulbright grant in Swaziland. "The goal of this project is to improve the information infrastructure of the country and the expertise of Swaziland government officials and teachers," Daly said. "We want our participants to

be able to instruct others in the kingdom in the use of computers."

In the past, information technology has been reserved primarily for Africa's elite, said Ntun Mosemole, managing director of Uvazi Black Empowerment Training Institute, based in Johannesburg, South Africa. "Through training, our technology can benefit all parts of our community. The training will enable people to use computers that have been donated to Swaziland schools and businesses but have been gathering dust."

Daly has been an associate professor in the Public Administration Program at the University of South Florida since 1986. He earned his Ph.D. from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

Minister at Tyisha Miller "night of healing" arrested

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A minister at Tyisha Miller's funeral was arrested for allegedly running a red light and refusing to sign the citation, police said. The arrest of the Rev. Ron Gibson after Thursday night's Community Night of Healing at New Baptist Church increased racial tension among some supporters who claimed he was targeted by police because he's black. "It was a clear case of driving while black. I do believe it was a plot to kill the Rev. Ron Gibson, who was in the front passenger seat of the car when it was stopped. He said the light was green when they entered the intersection. Police Chief Jerry Carroll, who attended Thursday's event, denied his officers engaged in racial profiling, noting it was impossible for officers to see who was in the 1999 black Mercedes Benz because of dark window tinting. "Rev. Gibson is not immune from the traffic laws of the city of Riverside. From my perspective, the officers did the right thing here," the chief said. Gibson has said numerous public protests that the four white police officers who shot and killed 19-year-old Tyisha Miller

in December acted out of racial animus. His minister was found unconscious with a gun in her lap in a locked car. She was shot after allegedly reaching for the gun when an officer broke a window to try to grab it. The officers fired 23 shots, hitting her 12 times. The shooting drew the attention of national activists such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson and prompted charges of racism. The officers weren't charged but Carroll fired them. Gibson, pastor of the Life Church of God in Riverside, was pulled over by two Riverside police investigators on Mission Boulevard about 10:05 p.m. Thursday. Gibson, who wouldn't talk about the incident on advice of his attorney, refused to sign the traffic ticket because he did nothing wrong. Beason said. Signing a traffic citation isn't an admission of guilt, it is merely a written agreement to appear in court. Gibson was arrested but not handcuffed, and officers booked him at the downtown jail. He was released about 4:40 a.m. Friday. Many Daniels, an attorney for the steering committee, said Gibson eventually agreed to sign the citation.

Ministers and authorities make deal to prevent unrest

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) — A last-minute compromise between black clergy members and Alexandria officials ended a day of riotous protests and demonstrations over police brutality. Ministers had threatened civil unrest if Police Chief Tommy Cicardo was not fired and four officers accused of brutalizing a curfewing suspect were not suspended without pay pending an investigation by the FBI. The disagreement dated back to May 9 when Gregory Hunter, who is black, claimed four white officers lured him to their truck, then attacked him. The officers said Hunter tried to carjack the truck, started a fight and was arrested. An internal affairs investigation cleared the officers of wrongdoing. Cicardo kept his job, but

said officers were transferred to administrative duty pending the outcome of an FBI investigation of the incident. Tension in the community to start. People Organized Working for Equal Rights, a group formed to protest the treatment of Hunter, called off the boycott after meeting with Cicardo. The boycott had been planned for the Alexandria Mall and businesses on a train thoroughfare in the city. "We are asking the community to stand down this time and let us work the details of this agreement out with them," Minister Bryan Muhammad of POWER said at Hunter Hall. "We're not done with this process," he said. "This is just the beginning." Authorities said there were no signs of unrest Friday.

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Class goes a long way

Class, it would be accurate to say, is an acquired state of being, which mobilizes a certain polish, poise, confidence and long-lasting flair a person may possess.

Classic, a word derived from classic speaks to tradition, something that never goes out of style, as in a class cape. Although, they're old and outdated, the high quality in workmanship in many of the suits that rivals any 1999 model. The same can be said about classic dressing—a style that never goes out of style. The classic white shirt, a camel hair coat, loafers, tailored trousers, you get the point. Designer Calvin Klein has a fortune on designing clean and simple classic lines. Even a classic turn, what about "Unforgettable" by Nat King Cole. It transcends time and still sounds just as good today as it did when he recorded it.

Classy, this word suggests being in a class by itself—a swank restaurant, a showcase home, an emerald shaped diamond ring. The best of the best.

The Little Rock Nine were the students who integrated the segregated school system in Arkansas in 1957 and demonstrated an unwavering amount of class, when a mob of angry white people assembled outside the school to bar their entrance. Those students had to be ridden by fear. But from within them emerged confidence and poise of class. Malcolm X was as classy as he ever wanted to be and he profoundly vocalized during the volatile '60s what many Negroes could only dream of saying to the white establishment. This, too, is true of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jackie Robinson, who was a doubt was as class as any black American. We're in a class by ourselves, and need to be mindful of this. We're not going out of style, we create style. We have a rich tradition and if others are to recognize and respect this then we need to represent it. Bet!

The truth about the educational system

By Conrad W. Warrill

Throughout most of our lives, African people in America have been told if you get a good education you can be successful. And that's true. If you get a good education your condition in life will improve.

From the early part of the 20th Century until the late 1960's and early 70's, the thrust was to encourage African people in America to at least get a high school diploma so that they could become eligible for a job in a significant segment of the work force. The explosion of the 1960's Civil Rights and Black Power Movement forced colleges and universities to admit Africans in America to their predominantly white colleges and universities in large numbers.

Today, African people in America are encouraged to get a college degree so they can get a good job. The education market has been saturated to the extent that a high school diploma of the 1930's, 40's, 50's, and 60's, in most instances, is considered a college degree today.

That means that one of a college degree qualifying people for entry-level jobs in the labor market, except for those instances where people have been trained in specialized fields at the undergraduate level.

What we hear people say today is that we must concentrate on the fields that undergrade people and math skills at the elementary and secondary levels so they can compete for the jobs that will be available in U.S. multinational corporations in the 21st Century, driven by the world of technology and computers.

Many of our ancestors in the 18th, 19th and early 20th-century were concerned with the issue of education for their children. But for what? It is quite clear that the major direction of U.S. educational policy has been to train and educate African people to work for white people. That is, to teach them to read, write and compute so they will be prepared to work for white people.

In a paper written by Dr. Jacob Carruthers several years ago titled, "Black Intellectuals and The Crisis in Black Education," he observed that "When the slave class system was destroyed by the Civil War, one of the first acts of the victors was to provide for the schooling of white society."

The Northern industrialists through their philanthropic alter egos, began funding and establishing Black colleges. These colleges were established to sit atop a Negro education system.

Further, Dr. Carruthers wrote that "By the turn of the century, the southern whites were making use of this Negro education system to facilitate the transition from the old chattel to a new, but equally effective, system of Black exploitation."

Carruthers explains: "The new system depended upon the cultivation of a Black elite to serve as examples for the masses of Blacks and to

It's time to reconnect with Africa

By James Clinquan
President, Greater Cincinnati
African-American Chamber
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As I read an article in Black Enterprise magazine recently which discussed the potential for African-Americans in the future in Africa, I thought about the many ironies of this continent. Though it's rich in minerals, diamonds and other natural resources, it is populated and owned by Black people just sitting there waiting for us to come back and take care of business.

It also thought about the tremendous collective potential of Black America's \$5 trillion "intellectual capital" bank, which George Frasier discussed in his book, "Success Runs In Our Race."

Africa's rich natural resources, juxtaposed beside 40 million African Americans—the best-educated in history—is a powerful concept. Yet, it lies dormant for the most part, untapped and under-utilized by both sides of the Atlantic.

I am reminded of Dr. Morris Jeff, who spoke in Cincinnati recently. He described a prescient African man waiting for African Americans to return to him. Waiting for them to bring our new-found knowledge, and the ability to lead African how to develop businesses, retrieve natural resources and take advantage of this new economic world.

Dr. Jeff put into the probability that when we were taken from the shores of Africa and brought to this country, despite our tremendous hardships, the *Cotton Heist* and *Slave Trade* the ultimate purpose could have been for us to learn the ways of an end and changing world. Maybe we were taken from Africa to give us the knowledge we have today, are supposed to return to the Motherland and help develop it.

Currently, there are countries in Africa that are waiting for us to ex-

actly. Their people want to work with African Americans. They want us to reconnect with them economically. Maybe Dr. Jeff was right.

Maybe we are the ones who are the sons and the daughters of the "slaves they could not kill," the ones who were sacrificed for the good of the collective and the continent.

Malcolm and others in our history have said many times that without sacrifice there can be no progress. Maybe our ancestors made the ultimate sacrifice by giving us pain. Millions died in the process, but would it not be a suitable and reciprocal gesture if our parts to reconnect, now that we are educated, apathetic and dead and the global economy is in place?

The concept of African Americans reconnecting with Africa is awesome. Were we able to get past the pettiness and do what our ancestors would have us do—work cooperatively—we could make the grandest connection of all in the 21st century.

We don't have to move to Africa. We don't have to turn ourselves into our ancestors, neither do we have to adopt all of the customs of Africans. All we have to do is take care of business. The knowledge we have gained and take advantage of a marketplace that has the potential to help all of us. All we have to do is reconnect.

The groundwork has been done, the foundation established, and the way is available. So, what are we waiting for?

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Notes from a new Maine intellectual

By Carolyn Bennett

A few weeks away from writing and I forget who I am.

The license plate on my '99 New Brunswick Skyliner says, "Writer." Now that I am a university teacher—starting over again—what tops the list of my personal priorities are research, preparation and other academic projects.

What these require, writing, is not the same as column writing. My column keeps me in touch with my other mental, emotional and spiritual gear.

Much has happened in these weeks of hiatus. NATO bombs stopped falling on Belgrade, peacekeepers entered Pristina and today, Serbian farmers layed down a massacre against the world.

Somebody says was committed by ethnic tensions. Commander Clinton set a record by becoming the first woman astronaut to command a space mission thirty years after America's first space flight.

But the rest of the year, the thirty-year history of space flight that is its history-making current event.

My rights and the rights of women. Mary Washington College History professor James Farmer died, and ended an era of civil rights activism.

But the rest of the year, President Bush had lived almost four decades, and in that time had led a movement for first Amendment rights for women and established an organization that put action to her belief that women are best suited, and must be enabled, to speak for themselves. Her legacy extends to the Peace and Justice movement and her example of resistance in the McCarthy era.

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Notes. Haven't found any of them either.

So far, what I find here are closed people. "Family" people, they call themselves. They are self-looking people.

Unlike Southerners, but the Southerners sugar coat theirs with a dose home chain called Southern hospitality. Mainers are unlikely to get away with it, or even feel the need to try to get away with it.

The difference is cold reason in one group, warm emotion in the other. The past is the past.

It is a prevailing attitude in Maine—at least according to my limited experience. Mainers think the outsiders they presume outside (ignorance, and assume their own omniscience—even against the newscaster outside. This means I could spend part of my social interaction with them fuming about their unmitigated gall, and the other part raising my courage to be difficult to get them right. Only to hear them say, "Oh, that's not what I meant."

I am fully intent to make Maine my home. I've created a slogan, which allows me to stay in process. I love the land. I'm learning the people. The other part is to get them right. Only to hear them say, "Oh, that's not what I meant."

And why did I come? Mainers tell me that a lot. Why would a person different in color and used to family come all the way here—from there?

This is our land, they seem to be saying. I guess I never got this land stuff—unless I was part of the "thiers" that made it ours.

The old timers from away say, "You'll never make it here. Mainers won't have paid off, and they'll still be on the outside looking in and feeling unloved and unaccepted by the natives."

I like the land. I'm learning the people. And this second summer I learned something I don't learn last summer: There is something basic in these people that is also in me. They work hard, and they work for themselves, when talking about their own people to work for them. They are resourceful people. I am resourceful, and I work hard, too.

And while we share the similarities, I feel with Mainers make me a native Mainier, my sense of essential stillness goes a long way toward making peace with my own people and their humanity here—whether or not I know the people, personally.

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The real hallmarks of cultural superiority

By Akmal Evans

After watching his son-in-law being lowered into the ground, Jim Kelley was interviewed by the media. Kelley is the father-in-law of former Northwestern University basketball coach, Ricky Byrdson. Byrdson was murdered on the streets of Benjamin Smith, a white supremacist who went on a racial killing spree over the 4th of July weekend.

Smith was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist organization that teaches followers that God has changed his mind about his chosen people and are that White people are destined to run and rule the world. But it is definitely not in a Godly fashion.

Why Kelley was interviewed by the press about his feelings, his immediate response was, "We do not hate the murderer of my son-in-law." But Smith had been murdered, even though he never met the man. How can that be?

Well, because Byrdson's family belongs to a superior culture that forgives and mistakes the actions of the masses of its allies; that believes in a God of love, not one of hate and comes from a culture that has been oppressed and abused for many years and is courageous to the oppressor than the oppressed.

For as long as white folks have been in America they have believed as if they were destined to rule the Western Hemisphere. Ever since white Americans started importing African slaves, they have treated black people like sub-humans who could be manipulated and misreated at the whim of even the most powerful white people.

I contend that it is much more noble to be a slave than to be a slave holder and that cultural superiority is displayed through the way that America's poorest fathers were slaughtered by their own ethnic cleansing. They displaced the native Americans from their land and made Africans work for them. And white men could build a society based upon democratic principles for themselves.

If we consider cultural superiority we would be reniss if we didn't contemplate morality. It is amazing to see a people who practice and preach hatred.

Clinton's tour on poverty looks like "War on Poverty"

"We are on the side of the wealthy and secure while we create a hell for the poor. Sandwich this malaise must strip the soul from the culture. It is being said and a brother to the suffering. I speak for those whose land is being taken, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being inverted. I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smogged houses at home and death and corruption abroad as a citizen of the world, for the world is stands upon the path we have taken."

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 1968.

Unfortunately, we can only imagine the exact criteria that Dr. King might have used to judge the effectiveness of President Clinton's recent four-day "Tour on Poverty."

The President's supposedly illuminating journey through the rolling hills of Appalachia, the Mississippi Delta, East St. Louis, a Latino neighborhood in Phoenix, a Native American reservation in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Los Angeles, evoked strong feelings and many frustrating questions. Clinton continues to demonstrate how masterfully he manipulates the media and how well he can evoke positive public opinion, especially among Blacks.

His "negro" savvy tactics will likely be studied by would-be caper politicians in the future who are looking to establish their credibility in minority communities. Credence, sound bytes and finely-tuned public apologies are still very effective at getting feigned ephemeral support from poor black people who themselves need to be rescued from the throes of a hostile Clinton-endorsed "Welfare Reform" policy.

Poor blacks have been suffering from the root causes of dehumanizing poverty for many years and for partially familiar reasons. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's so-called New Deal of the 1930's, "announced to the raw deal for the Negro people" (Martin & Martin, 1995).

deceit and destruction proclaiming themselves superior! It is the height of irony for fear-ridden cowards to lay claim to cultural supremacy.

African Americans, as a whole, do not consider themselves culturally superior to anyone else. We recognize that God has granted us the ability to perform better than many others in our society, but we attribute that to grace, not race. We know that we can do more with less than many, but we know that divine mercy has allowed us to make milk punches out of sow's ears.

When the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, founder of the Nation of Islam in America, taught his followers that the white man was the devil, he was not teaching hatred. He was teaching his people to observe and objectively measure the white people toward other cultures, Africans in particular. There is no more correct or concise way to define white America's historical and ongoing racism than to call it devilish. Discrimination on the basis of ethnicity is evil, so is prejudging someone based on the way he/she looks; randomly making false claims about their cultural affiliation and, preaching and teaching cultural superiority.

When it comes to superiority one fact in America is that love is superior to hate. Good is superior to bad and superior people display their preeminence through charity and humility, not cowardice and hatred.

The genocidal acts of weak-minded white Americans are a testament to their desire and need to control what the world sees. It is important to note that no such thing as cultural superiority is there, it is only individual superiority and that is displayed through humility, not abhorrence.

Michael Jordan never said he was the best basketball player in the world, his game was. He never said he was a chicken-hearted little devil, his manner of action did.

When I was young, I was taught that there was no superiority to those who say, "don't do." People who are culturally superior don't preach hate, they practice love.

Akmal Evans is publisher of *The Observer in Austin, Texas*.

Social Work and the Black Experience

Blacks never get their "fair share" of Social Security, as we say, those who say, "don't do." People who are culturally superior don't preach hate, they practice love.

President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty" in 1964 with his notion of the Great Society programs along with the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy's 1967 initiative in New York, sought to spotlight and eradicate the root causes of systemic discrimination across America. It is very important to note that many named and un-named Black people fought and died to both create and enhance this nationally popular and recently altered social programs.

Issues like voting rights, full employment, civil and human rights, rape and murder of Blacks, inadequate education, poor housing and the lack of access to good health care, dominated the political agenda of Blacks throughout this century. These "human" issues are largely unresolved. The recent death of James Farmer, a co-architect in the 1960s for the civil rights, underscores the belief that we must be ever vigilant in the eradication of poverty.

I am inclined in favor of economically enhancing these and other regions vied during the slide-down on poverty. But for a lame duck, welfare-reform signing president to "pick up the ball now in the 1990s" is a waste of time. It is a photo-op designed to put "the icting" on a troubled twenty-first presidency. Maybe President Clinton plans on passing the political agenda of Blacks that he set in 2004. Stranger things have happened.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ATLANTIC CITY — The National Minority Supplier Development Council hosts EXPO Opportunity '99 at the Tropicans Resort & Casino. Call (215) 893-8977 for time and information.

Minorities took more home loans last year, but also more rejections

HUD requires \$488 billion for 7 million families

By Marcy Gordon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blacks, Hispanics and American Indians received more home mortgages last year than in 1997, new government data show. But they were still turned down more often than whites, regardless of income. But a new Housing and Urban Development requirement will compel the biggest lenders to make more home loans to many of them.

Low interest rates fueled a big jump in home refinancing, but low- and moderate-income people and blacks fell behind others in refinancing their mortgages, according to the latest annual survey of 7,837 banks, thrifts and other mortgage lenders.

The information was released on July 29 by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, which is comprised of the government's bank regulatory agencies. Those include the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Also that day, in a related development, the HUD announced it is requiring

the two biggest housing finance companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, to finance more mortgages for low- and moderate-income families. The move will boost their total to \$2.4 trillion in such mortgages over 10 years.

The new HUD requirement means the companies must buy an additional \$488.3 billion in mortgages from banks and other lenders, enough to provide housing loans for some 7 million families of modest means.

Huge rise in applications

The government survey showed a total of 24.7 million home mortgage loans and applications in 1998, up 30 percent from the year before, while the survey attributed largely to a big increase in refinancing.

Of an estimated 11.8 million home loans issued last year, some 50 percent were for refinancing, according to banking industry experts. That compares with about 30 percent of the 6.9 million home loans made in 1997.

The survey showed that the number of conventional home mortgage loans,

those not backed by government guarantees, issued last year to Hispanics rose 22.3 percent to 62,365. For American Indians, it was up 17.1 percent, to 13,175. For blacks, it rose 13.4 percent, to 158,266, for Asian Americans and whites, it increased nearly 15 percent, to 118,856 and 2,760,370, respectively.

Minorities, however, continued to be denied conventional mortgage loans at similar rates as in recent years, the survey showed. Denial rates of 53 percent for blacks and American Indians and 38 percent for Hispanics, compared with 25 percent for whites. And low- and moderate-income people and blacks didn't keep up the pace of other groups in the refinancing boom.

The survey data showed low- and moderate-income borrowers last year getting 21 percent of the refinancing loans, down from 25 percent in 1997, while blacks received 4.5 percent of them, down from 6.2 percent. Blacks got 75 percent more refinancing loans than in 1997, while whites received 146 percent more.

"Is the ability to remain the privilege of the well-to-do, or will it become an important way to help working people increase their income and assets?" asked John Taylor, president-CEO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition.

The banking industry maintains that lenders continue to seek qualified borrowers in minority communities. "Banks are increasing their outreach efforts to all communities," said Patricia Boeger, a spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association. As lending institutions cut the red more widely, loan applicants become more diverse and include more unqualified people, resulting in continued relatively high denial rates, the said.

The nation's home-ownership rate rose to a near-record 67.7 percent in the first three months of this year and the boom economy set records for blacks and Hispanics, a reflection of low interest rates and loan assistance.



Frank Rivera
NAMC president

NAMC elects Rivera president

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Minority Contractors recently elected the first Hispanic, Frank Rivera of Phoenix, Ariz., to national president at its 30th Anniversary Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Rivera is president-CEO of ATL, a construction management and construction quality control firm with Arizona offices in Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Globe, Huachuca City, Prescott Valley, and another in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He has been first vice president of the NAMC Board of Directors and chairman of the Membership & Chapter Development and Diversity Committees. Rivera is co-founder and treasurer of the Phoenix chapter.

Rivera promised open inclusiveness in membership, improved services to members in advocacy, technical assistance and contracting opportunities, and increased access to skills training, and bonding and financial support.

Thirty years old, with more than 5,000 in membership, NAMC addresses the needs of minority contractors through advocacy, education and training, business development, surety bonding and procurement assistance.

Money Matters

Retirement savings: Key planning factors

By Karen M. Enslie

With 77 million baby boomers inching toward retirement, at perhaps no other time in American history has retirement planning been of such great concern to so many people. Suddenly, there is a realization that there are fewer years of work remaining than time previously spent in the labor force. Hence, many people today are asking questions, such as "how much do I need to save?" and "if I haven't been saving enough, are there ways to make up for lost time?"

Fortunately, there are worksheets and computer software programs that can provide estimates of savings required to fund a specific amount of income over an individual's assumed life expectancy. Like all projections, however, they are only as good as the assumptions upon which they are based. This article will discuss some key planning factors that affect the amount of money needed to save.

A very important planning factor is retirees' financial goal (e.g., travel) and anticipated lifestyle. Some people can live happily on half their pre-retirement income while others require 100 percent (or more) to maintain their lifestyle. There are many people for whom the commonly-quoted range of 60 percent to 80 percent of pre-retirement income is adequate.

Another planning factor is the generosity (or lack thereof) of former employers. Some lucky retirees have generous pensions and/or low-cost employer-paid health coverage. Others have no employer retirement benefits and must pay thousands of dollars annually for supplemental Medicaid health coverage.

A third planning factor is selection of retirement housing. An April 1998 article in *Worth* states that "changes in geography and shelter are great signposts for a lifetime of investing." In other words, trading down to a smaller home and/or moving to a cheaper

area of the country can have as much impact on retirees' well being in retirement as the amount of money they are able to invest. Not only does someone get to invest the profit from the sale of their home, but also their future living costs will likely be lower.

Receipt of an inheritance is another issue to consider. While inheritances should never be used as an excuse to save, they are a potential source of income. They are also difficult to count on due to uncertainties about beneficiaries' health and longevity. Some adult children are "leaving their best" by purchasing, and paying premiums for, long-term care insurance for their parents. This lessens the possibility that long-term care costs, like nursing home bills, will dissipate their legacy.

Another planning issue is consideration of post-retirement employment income and Social Security benefits when calculating retirement savings. Many financial planners routinely discount or eliminate Social Security because they expect future benefits to be greatly reduced or "means tested" away for all but the very poor. Obviously, when Social Security is eliminated from consideration as an income source, individuals must save more on their own.

Retirement planning is not an exact science. Instead, it involves making the best assumptions possible and planning and saving accordingly. This article has reviewed key planning factors. To determine what you need to save, check the "Ballpark Estimate" at www.asec.org or contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension for fact sheet #431: "How Much Do I Need to Save For Retirement?"

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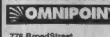
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

PLAINFIELD — St. Mary's R.C. Church will hold evening mass for all ages. 5:30 p.m. (908) 756-0085.

Witnessing the black presence in the Bible

By Paula W. Matlaine, Ph.D.

Too many people think there are no Africans or black people in the Bible.

I hear African Americans turning off Christianity, saying, "It's the white man's religion." They say that because, for so long, we saw nothing but pictures of white people in our Bibles and Sunday School books.

After being exposed to the truth, I decided to work on a film and unearth ancient black biblical history. I never wanted to visit Israel, Christianity's most sacred place, because I thought it was a white country where Jews and Arabs fought each other all the time. I was really shocked to find so much black history and people there!

My film takes people on location, back to where our religion started. We set out to discover who the other people in the story were. What did they look like? How did they live?

To answer these questions, and in a sincere effort to be authentic and as historically accurate as possible, I took a film crew and some biblical scholars to Israel to make this film.

Every Muslim strives to make at least one trip to Mecca so that he or she can make a very personal connection to that religion.

Well, we Christians talk about a personal relationship with Jesus, but stay physically disconnected from the Holy Land.

I made this film because I think all Christians ought to make the trip if they can. In doing so, they will see that land with new eyes, witnessing its universality and its multi-ethnic shape. The Bible, because we rely so heavily on it, has often been misinterpreted as believing that there was no black presence in the Bible. We are usually written out of the story and if we do appear, typically it's as a slave!

If you go to Israel today, you will see living proof that people of African descent were a very significant part of biblical history. They lived there before Jesus, during Jesus' time.

Today, they are there in big numbers, not just as recent immigrants, but as part of ancient old communities. Like the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, one of the oldest Christian churches in the world. Members have a chapel at the oldest and most holy Christian church in Jerusalem — the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

During the trip, I got so excited seeing how and what Jesus saw. On one occasion, we went down to the Gazebo, despite the police unrest at the time, because that road leads to Africa. The ancient Hebrews used it a lot and it is where the Ethiopian finance minister was baptized in the book of Acts.

Christianity is not the "white man's religion" in its origins. A very diverse, multi-ethnic community is at its heart. It's not just a religion, it's a people. It's significant if not leading part of that foundation.

Paula W. Matlaine is an AME elder and associate professor of television and film at Howard University's "Africa in the Holy Land" has won four national film festival awards and aired on public television stations across the nation. It is available on VHS videocassette. Call (202) 806-7929 or (301) 350-4323.

Religion

St. Thomas Episcopal Carnival sparks Westside community

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

RED BANK — Thanks to St. Thomas Episcopal Church and its volunteers the Westside played host to the entire community at the second annual Red Bank Carnival and Fun Festival held at Count Basie Park on Aug. 5-9.

The annual event, which is gathering support and momentum is just what the Westside needed to revitalize a sense of spirit in the community. The brainchild of carnival chairperson Clinton Crocker, it represents the best of nostalgia — cotton candy, games, rides, stuffed animals, food vendors and fun, fun, fun, especially for the kids.

"A lot of things are lacking in our community and outreach into the community. A carnival in this area especially on the Westside was a way of looking to accelerate that energy," said Crocker. "We've received quite a bit of support."

Neighboring churches like St. Leo's in Lincroft, which has been operating a successful carnival for years, lent St. Thomas support in walking the church through the whole process of running a carnival. While volunteers, all clad in Marigold yellow T-shirts, with some traveling as far as from Kentucky to lend a helping hand.

"It was a success not just for us," said Father Terrence Rosheuvel, who is Rector of St. Thomas. "But what it did for the community, people from all ethnicities, young, old and in between. What I loved watching were the mothers with their strollers."

Last year's crowd was estimated at 16,000, but this year's numbers very well could surpass those once the final count is in.

"A carnival is something that takes a few years to build," said Father Rosheuvel. And judging from the buzz in the air — it's catching on in a big way.

Although, the event basically broke even last year. A marginal profit is expected to be made from this year's event. And according to Rosheuvel and Crocker the eventual intention is to put the profits back into the community.

"Our intent is to support community charities," said Father Rosheuvel. "Last year we kind of broke even. This year we didn't need many police officers and we didn't have to buy as many T-shirts."

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is leading the way in the community in rallying folks together. Besides the success of the carnival, this church is active in stimulating the youth.

"Black people have very few institutions they control," said Father Rosheuvel. "And the church provides leadership."

St. Thomas has reactivated a Boys Scout Troop, which traveled to update New York for one week, the day after the carnival ended. The

church along with the Boys Scouts of America provided all the necessary funds for the boys to attend. The church and the troop has provided struggling single mothers with an

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opportunity to expand the horizon for their sons. Exposure is key to cultivating the minds of the youth. And St. Thomas is doing just that.

A few Sunday's ago the Sunday



Left: Rev. Dean Henry, Middletown; Father Terrence Rosheuvel, Rector St. Thomas; Red Bank; Rev. Alice Downs, Melutchen.

school traveled to the Sight and Sound Theater in Strasburg, Pa., and the church supports Lunch Break,

which provides meals for the needy in St. Thomas Episcopal as an asset to the community.

NAACP, Wal-Mart honor Bishop



NEW YORK — Coleman M. Peterson (left), senior vice president of the People Division of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., presents a lifetime memento to Bishop George W.C. Walker of the AME Zion Church following his stirring keynote address at the NAACP Religious Leaders Luncheon during the organization's convention in New York City. Bishop Walker, the presiding prelate of the Northeastern Episcopal District, called on religious leaders to strengthen their resolve to improve the quality of life in local communities. In addition sponsoring the luncheon, Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer and a leading employer of African Americans, participated in the NAACP annual commerce and industry show and its two-day job and career fair.

Loan would keep Catholic school in Burlington City

BURLINGTON CITY (AP) — School bells may ring in September after all for a historic Catholic school that may be saved from closing by a loan and donations from the community.

Officials at St. Mary Hall-Doane Academy announced Thursday night that a possible government loan would enable them to pay the school's bills and open for the new school year. The 162-year-old school closed Tuesday. It was closing, "It hasn't sunk in yet, except that tonight I'll sleep," board of trustees President Harry Van Seiver said after a two-hour emergency meeting. "We didn't like closing this place down."

State Sen. Diane Allen (R-Burlington) along with Burlington County Freeholder Director Phil Haines, offered the school a \$250,000 low-interest loan from state economic development funds earmarked for revitalizing the Route 130 corridor. Haines said the school qualifies for the public grant even

though it is a private institution. Last year, 145 students attended the school, where tuition this year would cost nearly \$7,000. The loan requires state approval. The request is under review, officials said.

The school has been seeking other funding, including donations from alumni and community supporters. "There are certainly glimmers of hope that weren't there Tuesday," said headmaster Donald Saunders. "We feel hopeful and we are not about to give up on the kids. That's all there is to it." The school was founded in 1837 as a boarding school for girls. It may have served as a stop on the Underground Railroad, providing a safe haven for slaves escaping to the North. The school also is the alma mater of President Ulysses S. Grant's two daughters. "It's part of the fabric of our community. It's more than just a private school," Haines said. "It would be a major step back to see it close."

Church seeks revival in round-the clock prayer

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — For 120 days, members of Gospel Outreach Ministries have been praying. Another prayer marathon was set to begin last Sunday. Prayer time is set at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. daily, and every four weeks, members gather to pray most of the night together at the church. A 24-hour schedule shows at least one member praying every hour at home.

The reason is that the Lord wants them to do it, said Michael Cole, a bishop with the church.

Church members are praying that younger people will learn the history of God's work, that life in the city will improve and that anyone needing guidance or an act of God will receive it.

Sometimes the prayers are loud and emotional, and there is always guidance. Tips on how and what to pray for are provided. Results are documented. Janet Covington trains her heart condition was healed.

Continuous prayer has "taken us to a brand-new level with God," she said. Cole said the idea came to him as a vision. "It was praying one night in the church. I looked up and in my mind's eye, I saw the ceiling of the church open, and saw a light shining down on me. My eyes were open. This was a spiritual vision, not a physical one. And the Lord spoke to my heart, 'Revival is here.'"

His Grand Forks congregation has about 160 members and is part of the large Pentecostal denomination based in Memphis, Tenn. Cole, who began a ministry shortly after coming to Grand Forks with the Air Force in the early 1970s, is the

bishop of six congregations. "The results of the prayer have been deeper spiritual growth in all the members who have been coming," Victor Rountree, an assistant to Cole, said.

The challenge before us is to awaken ourselves and overcome our lethargy by discovering our divinity, genetic potential and possibilities. This is the awesome task the CREATOR has set before each of us. It is more than a notion.

It is a divine calling and a sacred mission. Only through us can Maat (divine order, balance, harmony, truth, justice, righteousness, reciprocity) be restored. Heroic epochs are opportunities of circumstance. First for the heroes and sheroes to accept the challenge of self-actualization. On their journeys they discover their true self and the inner courage that will enable them to do this to help others. They overcome and overcome obstacles to accomplish what once seemed impossible.

That is the challenge facing us today. The first step is to overcome our fears, doubts and the idea we can't possibly do the ones to tip the scales from evil (falsehood, insanity, injustice, wickedness and alienation) to Maat.

What greater challenge could we meet in our personal lives, in our community life or in our interactions with the world, than to stand up for justice, righteousness, truth and divine order.

In a society based on and maintained by falsehood and illusion, conscious decision to live in truth and integrity is a declaration of independence of the highest order, an act of defiance against the status quo. It requires great courage, tenacity and fortitude. But real heroes and sheroes don't pout out when things get really rough. Accept the challenge!

POSITIVELY BLACK

Dare to be African in our world

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"I love the challenge of being African in today's world; it's wonderful! I love digging in my heels against the impossible odds of being black in America! What greater challenge could we have in life today than to be African? What greater testament to our heroism than to overcome the problems that face us today? What greater opportunity can we have to transform ourselves and transform the world in the process? Why would we wish to escape this kind of challenge? It's too wonderful, too magnificent. We should eat this kind of challenge for breakfast."

—Dr. Amos Wilson

Too many of us have an erroneous outlook on life and being African. We see inferiority and the myth of villainous depictions of ourselves and African people in general told to us by Europeans in order to maintain their hegemony over us.

We believe we are cursed by God. Deep down inside many of us actually believe that a giant White man sits off in space destined to be perpetual hewers of wood and haulers of water for our enemies. Then, we look at the conditions in our community and our world and conclude that our status must be divinely ordained. We forget that the key to our enslavement and debasement is wanton violence supported by planned psychological deception and manipulation in order to execute global imperialism and subjugation.

But human beings have the ability to define and create their own personal space and environment. The only way a minority of the world's population could exploit the majority and appropriate the earth's natural resources is through brute force and chicanery. That is the history backed by our enemies' psychology.

Before they did it to us, they had centuries of tradition doing it to themselves. Our biggest problem is we

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have bought into the lie of White supremacy and the myth of their invincibility. However, independent thought and serious study of our history and their clearly reveals they are not invincible. Our ancestors vigorously resisted genocide and unfathomable brutality to enable us to live today.

Things are not what they seem. If we were truly beaten and defeated or inherently inferior why do our enemies still go to such great lengths to destroy our families through "welfare" programs, the importation of alcohol and lethal drugs and state-sanctioned programs like COINTELPRO. Do sane or moral people do this to help the obviously their inferiors? Don't go for the okay-deck. Think for yourself.

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High Rollin' Love Machines

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

LINDEN — You know the old saying, if a man treats his mother good then he'll be good to the lady in his life. And judging from the members of the High Rollers Motorcycle Club this saying is oh so true. Their ladies, who go by the names of Kawasaki, Yamaha and Suzuki, without a doubt, get the royal treatment. From the special made to fit bras, flashing strobe lights to shields and other little daring amenities, their lady friends are not lacking when it comes to accessories, style, and the season's most fashionable colors — electric blue, canary yellow, and vintage metallic wine.

"Anything that's got a motor is a woman," said Pierre Towns, a High Roller member referring to his Kawasaki lady love. "She's temperamental you have to caress her."

And just in case you didn't get the message — this squadron is committed with their noses wide open to the whole biker thing. Riding bikes that range in price from \$5,000 to \$10,000, while sporting protective crash helmets that cost anywhere from \$400 and up. And when they're in the mood to treat her really good, they'll chrome her out with a trophy shine to the tune of \$2,700 — too fine!

This mobile fraternal order of brothers, after realizing their undying love for motorcycles formed their own club over a year ago with a mission to uplift the community. And on Aug. 15, they will host their first annual picnic, which will take place at Memorial Park on Wood Ave. in Linden. The event, which is open to the public will start at 1-6 p.m. And since these brothers are not about the nonsense, a fun day is expected for all. Besides good food and music, the High Rollers will present trophies in the following categories: Best Looking Sport; Best Looking Cruiser; Most Represented Club (15 or more members); Furthest Distance Club (10 or more members), and visiting clubs are asked to wear representative colors.

"We all rode together and we thought it would be cool to have a club," said president Edward Evans, 30, who has had his share of biker hits the concrete mishaps. "We're planning on giving different events, doing bus rides and we'd like to sponsor a little league club and basketball tournaments. It's a community club, we want to do things in the community."

A generation of guys who grew up riding mopeds, dirt bikes and MB 5's, the High Rollers are comprised of savvy business men, auto workers, police officers, barbers, NJ Transit workers and high school coaches — along with an active roster of 19 members. They take part in area bike blessings and cookouts where they get to check out the wares of other bikers, while kickin' it and having fun. And a main event, which has become their rallying call to roll, is the sanction ride to Myrtle Beach that takes place every year over the Memorial Day weekend.

"We're trying to conquer as much as possible and to do whatever it takes to make it happen. That's what the High Rollers represent," said member Reggie Sumner, 27, who is actively pursuing a production career in the entertainment industry. "Anything that's positive, we're about it."



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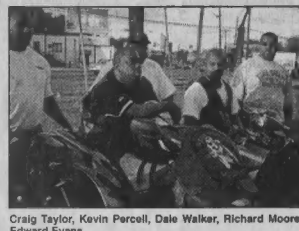
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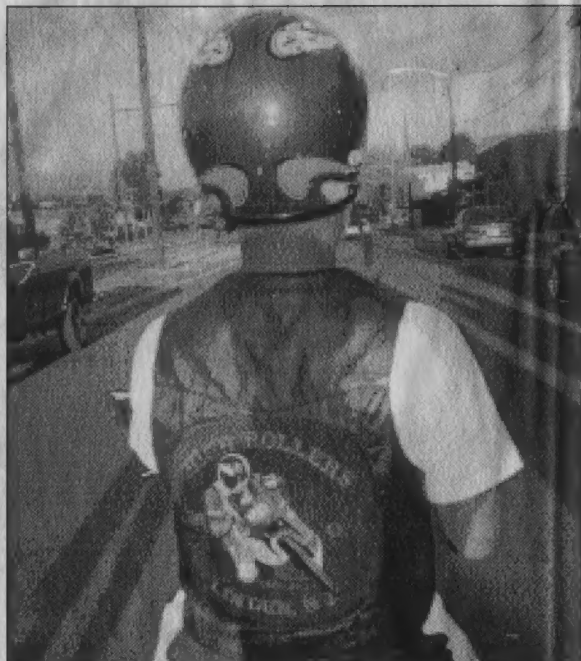
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Richard Moore sports a \$550 helmet.



(From left to right) Reggie Sumner, Kevin Percell, Richard Moore, Pierre Towns



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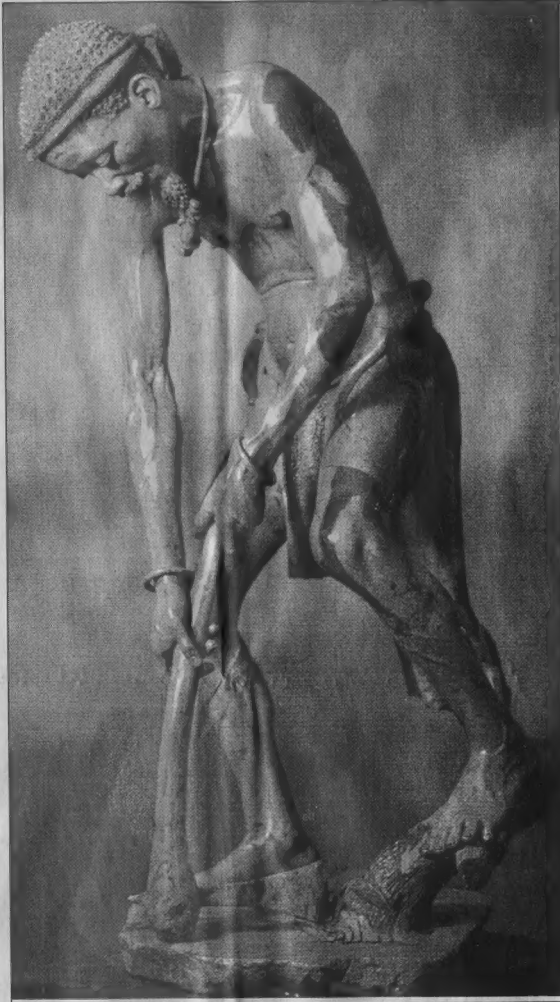
Unveils new work by renowned sculptor

RED BANK — Afridesia is presenting newly completed sculptures by Israel Chikumbirike, prominent Zimbabwean artist, starting August 20 thru August 29, 5-9 p.m. The public is welcome.

Visitors to Afridesia will recognize Israel Chikumbirike as the sculptor who created "The Caretaker" which serves as the centerpiece of the main floor Gallery. Afridesia partners, Maureen Wanderlingh and Jeff Morris have entered into an exclusive agreement to market Chikumbirike's sculptures worldwide. Israel Chikumbirike has exhibited in South Africa, Europe, Canada and the United States.

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The Caretaker by Israel Chikumbirike. Now on display at Afridesia.



Mother and Child, 1993. Elizabeth Catlett, Wood, 67 x 16 x 15 in. (SMH).



Leave Please Don't Let Me Fall, 1983. Amos Ferguson. Enamel on board 36x30 in. (SMH).

A retrospective of 30 years of the Artists-in-Residence Program

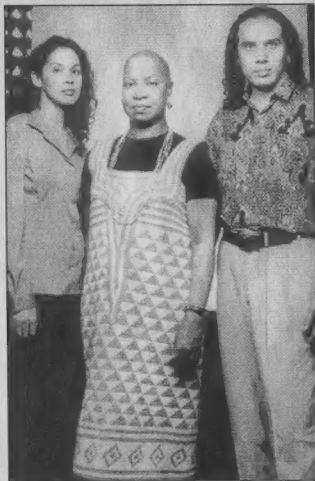
NEW YORK — The Studio Museum in Harlem will celebrate its distinguished Artists-in-Residence (AIR) program with the opening of two exhibitions: Selected Works from the Permanent Collection, an exhibition of works by former AIR program participants; and the annual exhibition, From the Studio: Artists-in-Residence 1998-1999 on view concurrently from July 28, 1999 - October 3, 1999. Together, the exhibitions explore the Museum's long and vital tradition of providing the direct and generous support necessary to bring gifted emerging artists of African descent the resources and recognition they deserve.

Originally called the Studio Program, the Artists-in-Residence Program was established in 1968 as an integral part of the Museum's core educational programming, and the Museum name. AIR is a central program for emerging African-American artists and seeds both African-American and American culture, having nurtured the careers of numerous artists by providing them with a dynamic environment to develop and project their artistic voice and vision. Each year, the program offers three emerging artists of African descent fellowships, materials, and studio space in the Museum for one year. The Museum also presents the artists' work in an annual From the Studio Artists-in-Residence exhibition. This year will feature three installations by each of this year's program artists: Manuel Acevedo, Xenobia Bailey, and Elia Alba.

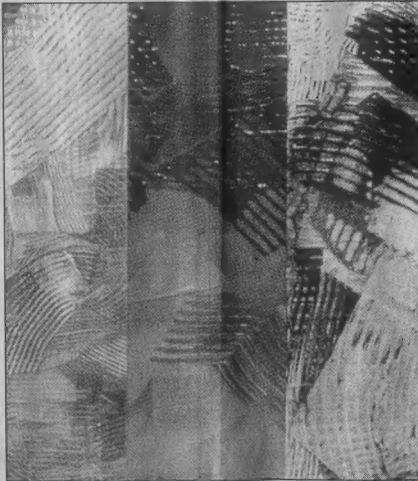
Manuel Acevedo's installation, Persistence of Memory, blurs the divide between literature and the visual arts, popular and high art. The multi-disciplinary installation features artists' books, video and 25 "lipbooks" in which Acevedo has created a moving eulogy to his father. The "lipbooks" produce an illusion of motion when the pages are dumbed through quickly.

Elia Alba's installation of thousands of red muslin, hand-cut and handmade shoes is a labor-intensive tribute to "women's work" which affords many different readings.

Xenobia Bailey, a fiber artist who combines sculpture, costume, handcraft and design elements in her works, is a graduate of Pratt Institute and native of Seattle, WA. Her installation Paradise Under Reconstruction: A Cosmic Moonlodge explores the visual aesthetics of funk to draw connections between nature, environmental perception, and transformation.

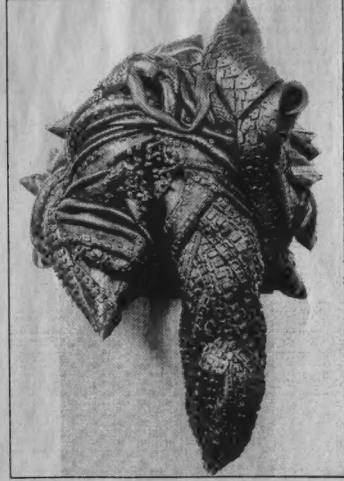


1998-1999 Artists-in-Residence, mixed media artist Elia Alba, fiber artist Xenobia Bailey, and photographer and mixed media artist Manuel Acevedo will have their work displayed in SMH.



Photography by Becket Logan

The Awning Set, 1993. Sam Gilliam. Acrylic on fabric, mounted and constructed on wood, 50 x 49 in. (The Studio Museum in Harlem)



Repugnant Rapunzel, 1995. Chakia Booker. Tires and wood, 33 x 25 x 24 in. (SMH).

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

BRANCHVILLE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Sussex County Fair through Aug. 14 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

PLAINFIELD — The Multienberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for those caring for sick loved ones 7 p.m. (908) 668-2368

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for those suffering from breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 6 p.m. (201) 915-5200

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital will host a support group meeting for couples sharing a pregnancy and facing an infant at the first floor cafeteria 7 p.m. (732) 745-8800

MIDDLESEX — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Middlesex Borough 1 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Wayne General Hospital 3 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

MONTCLAIR — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Yogi Berra Stadium, located on the campus of Montclair State University 5 p.m. (908) BLOOD-NJ

UNION — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Union Hospital 3 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

NEWARK — University Family Practice Center at Vailsburg hosts a free health fair 10 a.m. (973) 972-1025

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Ellis Lodge 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

MONTCLAIR — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Montclair Health Fair 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield will hold a blood drive at the First Unitarian Synagogue 9 a.m. (908) 755-6144

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

HEWITT — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Queen of Peace School 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

EAST HANOVER — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Home Depot Center 9 a.m.

KEARNY — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. BLOOD-NJ

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital hosts a support group meeting for families who have experienced the death of a baby after birth

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Health Center (PHC) hosts its Pediatric Health Fair 1 p.m. (908) 753-6401

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

PLAINFIELD — The Multienberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group for those living with Hemodialysis 7 p.m. (908) 668-2248

PLAINFIELD — The Multienberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for men living with prostate cancer 7 p.m. (908) 668-3091

PARITAN — Brain Injury Support Group of Somerset-Hunterdon County vicinity will meet at the Center for Neurological Institute 7 p.m. For info or directions call 908-725-8877

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

FAIRHODD — Contact We Care hosts its Fourth Annual Road Race For Reser for Kids at LaGrande Park 6 a.m. (908) 654-1555

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Health Center (PHC) hosts "Walkers Immunization Day" a day of free immunizations to children of all ages 9 a.m. (908) 753-6401

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

BELLEVILLE — Class Mass Media Center hosts the grand opening of its newly renovated pediatric unit 9:30 a.m. (973) 450-2768

PLAINFIELD — The Multienberg Regional Medical Center will offer free blood pressure screenings 4 p.m. (908) 668-2555

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support meeting for those surviving breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273

The amazing Dr. Benjamin S. Carson

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

A blessing disguised as a neurosurgeon. That's what Dr. Benjamin S. Carson Sr. is to the world of medicine. Again Carson has used his intricate gift in the area of surgery to sustain life—that of 15-year-old Amber Ramirez of Lincoln. Ne. Remember, he made an international name for himself back in the '80s when he successfully separated Siamese twins, who were joined at the head.

Ramirez, who was diagnosed with Rasmussen's syndrome, which is a rare disease that literally destroys the brain tissue, survived the 12-hour operation in which Carson removed the damaged left side of her brain, (which controls speech and motor movement) at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore.

Without the operation, which is known as a Hemispherectomy, Ramirez would have risked possible mental retardation, paralysis and death



Dr. Benjamin Carson

If the disease had continued to progress eating away at the brain tissue. Because of his carefully skilled hands, Carson not only removed the diseased half of her brain, which saved her life, but his latest prognosis suggests that Ramirez can expect to speak and live a normal life. However, she'll need rehabilitation and should be able

to walk within a year, said Carson.

It is expected that the right half of Ramirez's brain will take control of the functions once mandated by the left side. Carson also reported that Ramirez, opened her eyes and grabbed his hand when she was awakened from the surgery.

Carson, who is a native of Detroit was once a troubled young man with a short temper. In a video about how he Carson tells a story about how he almost took the life of another boy. He credits his interest in the field of medicine for putting him on the right path and probably even saving his own life.

Today he serves as director of the pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins and is also an associate professor of plastic surgery, neurosurgery, oncology and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine. He is also the author of *Gifted Hands and Thinking Big*.

Indeed, he's made a difference in the lives of many.

Website brings new hope to African Americans who suffer from diabetes

HACKENSACK — According to the American Diabetes Association about 2.3 million, or 10.8 percent, of all African Americans suffer from diabetes. Approximately 730,000 of that number do not know they have the disease. And of those who do know they have diabetes, many are not aware that there is a wealth of information available about the causes, prevention, and treatment for foot problems that can eventually lead to amputation. All that changes on August 1, 1999 when the world's most comprehensive foot health website — FootHealthNetwork.com launches. FootHealthNetwork.com will totally change the way diabetes hand and care about their feet.

Says Suzanne Belyea, D.P.M., C. Ped and Medical Director of FootHealthNetwork.com, "With the resources currently available, there is no reason why so many diabetics should suffer from serious foot disorders. With

the proper education, most can prevent amputation if they take better care of their feet. Now, thanks to FootHealthNetwork.com, diabetics can easily access a wealth of information that will promote overall foot health and comfort.

FootHealthNetwork.com will feature an extensive listing of foot disorders, each fully described in non-technical terms for easy identification. This listing will include both general foot conditions as well as special sections for serious disorders such as diabetes, arthritis, and AIDS. Also featured will be a listing of the known causes for each problem and recommended footwear products that are available for immediate relief.

To learn more, call 1-800-526-2739 and ask for the FootHealthNetwork.com Consumer Hotline, or e-mail at information@foothealthnetwork.com

Meditation decreases blood pressure

SAN DIEGO — Transcendental Meditation decreases blood pressure by reducing constriction of the blood vessels and thereby decreases the risk of heart disease, new research shows. Scientists at the Medical College of Georgia examined how Transcendental Meditation decreases constriction of blood vessels and effects the heart's output.

For years we've known that long-term practitioners of Transcendental Meditation generally have lower blood pressure than others of the same age, said Vernon A. Barnes, PhD, lead researcher in the study. "We are now beginning to understand the underlying mechanisms responsible for the beneficial influence of Transcendental Meditation on risk factors for heart disease. One of these mechanisms may be reduced blood pressure related to reduced vasoconstriction."

The researchers conducted two tests with 18 long-term daily Transcendental Meditation practitioners and a control group of 14 very healthy middle-aged adults who did not meditate.

In the first test, both groups were simply at rest with eyes open. In the second test, for the Transcendental Meditation group only, participants were told to close their eyes and "begin meditating." For the control group only, participants were told to close their eyes and "relax as completely as possible."

Measurements were taken before, during, and after each session. The participants' cardiac output, vasoconstriction, heart rate, heart stroke volume, and blood pressure were measured with blood pressure cuffs and

two sets of temporal electrodes, one emitting current and the other sensing for thoracic bioimpedance derived measures of stroke volume. The results of the study appear in the current issue of *Psychosomatic Medicine*.

During the 20-minute resting session, the Transcendental Meditation group showed significant decreases in systolic blood pressure and vasoconstriction while meditating, compared with increases in the control group while resting. The Transcendental Meditation group showed a significant 6.5 percent decrease in vasoconstriction during meditation, compared with a 1.6 percent increase in the control group during eyes-closed relaxation.

"The contrast between the two groups might have been greater if the Transcendental Meditation participants had been studied in their home environment," said Barnes. "Some participants reported their meditation was disturbed by the inflation of the blood pressure cuff every five minutes and by the fact that they were not allowed to sit in a cross-legged position as they were accustomed to doing during meditation at home."

Additionally, the contrast between the groups might have been still greater if beginning meditators had been studied, since the blood pressure of the long-term meditators was remarkably low from the start.

This study was conducted in preparation for a research grant project entitled "Stress Reduction: Prevention of High Blood Pressure in African American Youth," currently supported by the National Institutes of Health.

Use of therapeutic magnets helps promote pain relief

FALLS CHURCH, VA — As the baby boom generation gets older, they're dealing with more aches and pains and they're insisting on alternative therapies treat pain without medication.

That helps explain the current explosion of interest in therapeutic magnets, now one of the most popular alternative medicine devices for the management of pain. Consumers are buying magnets by the handful to treat a broad spectrum of muscle and nerve disorders—everything from sports injuries to chronic pain management for polio victims.

Ironically, the current interest in magnets is nothing new. The health potential of magnets their ability to stimulate magnetic fields in the body, improve blood circulation and promote faster healing has been known for hundreds of years.

However, not all therapeutic magnets are created equal. According to Ted Zablotzky, M.D., of Avon, Conn. most therapeutic magnets for sale to day are

north-south in nature. That means they will affect only a limited amount of blood capillaries, and only, if they are properly placed in perfect alignment on the body.

"That is the single most compelling reason I went on a quest to find a more effective therapeutic magnet," Zablotzky said. In testing on patients, he became convinced of the superior efficacy of the patented concentric circle design of the BIOflex magnetic available in Sobakawa products.

The concentric circle design "affects capillaries running in all directions, helping to promote maximum pain relief and healing benefits," Dr. Zablotzky said. "For the most part, that means they are foot proof."

In a clinical study conducted in 1997 at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, BIOflex magnets were shown to significantly help manage polio patients with chronic pain management. This study was published in the *Archives of Physical Medicine*

and Rehabilitation. "It's really critical that the consumer knows the difference between a north-south and concentric circle therapeutic magnet product," said Dr. Zablotzky. "It can make a big difference in terms of pain relief and healing."

Among the true believers in the healing power of magnets is Bill Romanowski, inebacner for the world champion Denver Broncos football team. "I've tried anti-inflammatories, chiropractors, acupuncture, massage therapies, you name it," he said. "But the one thing I've found is the magnets really work."

Available since the fall of 1998 on a leading TV home shopping network, Sobakawa products with BIOflex therapeutic magnets are now available at retail outlets nationwide. The product line includes wraps, lumbar back supports, shoulder pads, travel slippers, the five-spot insole (for wrists, knees, ankles, elbows and neck), a twin size mattress pad, pillow cases and a skin rejuvenating face mask.

Racing for breast cancer in cyberspace

NEW YORK — The next time you pull onto the information superhighway, you may be able to take part in a very special race, joining millions of people in the nationwide battle against breast cancer.

In the United States, breast cancer is the leading cause of death among women 35-54, a new case of breast cancer is diagnosed every three minutes. Fortunately, with early detection, the disease can be treated, giving many women a second chance. Today, there are more than 1.6 million breast cancer survivors in America.

To promote early detection and raise money for breast cancer research, Johnson & Johnson has teamed up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Race for the Cure Series by launching the Virtual Race for the Cure program. This virtual program enables thousands of people to take part in supporting the important work of the Komen Foundation when time, geography illness or other reasons make it impossible to do so in person.

Comedian and talk show host Jay Behar will lead all day-long virtual runners, including his family at "The View" (Barbara Walters, Meredith Vieira, Star Jones and Lisa Ling).

"I'm proud to participate in this great program on behalf of the thou-

sands of virtual runners who will be unable to race this year," said Behar. "Through the Virtual Runner program, we will come together in spirit to educate and support each other in the fight against breast cancer, one of the leading causes of death among women."

The Komen Race for the Cure has been a company that cares about women's health for more than a century. We are proud to join in the crusade to promote breast cancer awareness and the need for early detection," said Pat Mutchler, Johnson & Johnson president of Personal Product Company (PPC), makers of Monistat and Healthy Woman soy menopause supplement. "This is our first year participating in the Komen Race for the Cure Series, and it offers us a powerful opportunity to make a difference in many lives."

To register or donate money for the Virtual Race for the Cure program, call 1-877-TWO-WOMEN or e-mail virtualrunner@ppc.us or www.virtualrunner.com. With each \$20 donation, virtual participants will receive a T-shirt and information on breast cancer research.

The Komen Race for the Cure is the largest series of 5K fitness run/walks in the United States. Net proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Race Program and community breast health and breast cancer initiatives.

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Thurs., Aug. 26
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Line Drive

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Date:	Time	Performer
Thurs., Aug. 12	7:00 p.m.	Jackie Jones
Thurs., Aug. 19	7:00 p.m.	Line Drive
Thurs., Aug. 26	7:00 p.m.	Jazz Lobsters

Seaport Music Cruise



The original "cool" cruise is back for a 12th star-studded season. "Live Jazz Thursdays" will include two shows: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., \$30-\$35 Great music! all week. Live Blues Tuesdays, Live Jammin' 105 Wednesdays and DJ Dance Fridays and Saturdays. For more information call (212) 630-8888 or e-mail at www.seaportmusiccruises.com. Located at Pier 16, South Sea Seaport

Date:	Performer
August 12	Chico Barbieri
August 19	Chuck Mangione
August 26	Tom Grant
September 2	Caribbean Project
September 9	Paquito D'Rivera
September 16	Jeff Lorber
September 23	The Fantasy Band

Be "Fortunate" enough to see Maxwell

Columbia Records soul star Maxwell's summer hot streak continues. After topping the R&B singles chart for 8 weeks with his single "Fortunate" - a record for this year - his long anticipated Live '99 tour is off to an incredible start as dates across the country are selling out.

Opening night in Houston (August 6) sold out in less than 15 minutes, an additional night was added (August 8) and sold out in an hour.

Tickets to the New Yorker's first two home town shows at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden (Sept. 10 & 11) were gone within one hour of their July 16 on-sale date, tickets for an additional show are on-sale now.

In Washington DC, where the singer is also immensely popular, two shows at Constitution Hall sold out in less than an hour (Sept. 3 - 4); another show went on sale that day and sold out (Sept. 5) and a fourth (Sept. 6) was added the next day and also sold out.

Oakland, CA's August 11 & 12 show were gone in less than an hour.

Maxwell's last tour in the summer of 1997 gave notice to critics and fans that not only had an important new voice arrived, but that it could deliver.

The Houston Chronicle wrote that "Few new artists would be able to captivate an audience the way Maxwell did. Maxwell was in control" while the Dallas Morning News said, "He did it all with the unbridled passion of a true artist. That can't be faked."

And, in the Washington Post, Richard Harrington exclaimed "Maxwell's silky vocals were riveting. He controlled the stage with the charisma and grace of past masters like Jackie Wilson, James Brown and Prince. He's his own man, of course, and the adventure is just beginning."

The Maxwell Live '99 tour is presented by HBO Zone - Freedom of Speech Sight and Sound, promoted by Marge Johnson Productions and sponsored by Black Enter-

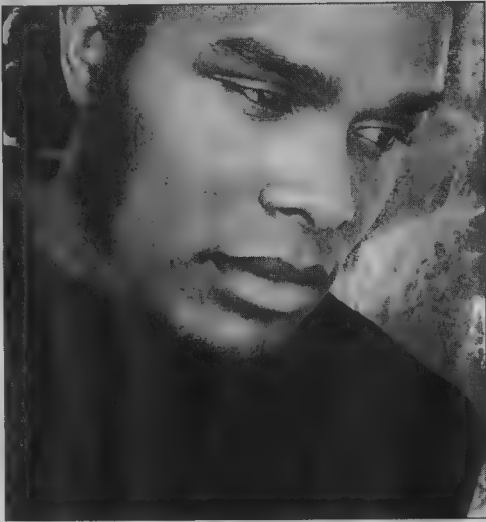


Photo by Kim Andreoli

Maxwell is off to an incredible start with his Live '99 tour, which will be hitting Madison Square Garden on September 10 and 11.

tainment Television. Updated information dates can be found at www.maxwelllive99.com. www.musze.com regarding venues, dates and ticket sale.

Get back to nature with Earth, Wind & Fire



Earth, Wind & Fire will be on tour, co-headlining with Barry White, appearing at the Jones Beach Amphitheatre on September 11.

Thirty years after Maurice White first sowed the seeds of Earth, Wind & Fire's creation back in 1969, the group's groundbreaking fusion of bluesy, soulful jazz and R&B - spiced with Latin rhythms, African folklore, and Western classical nuances - has never sounded better than it does today.

From the band's ground-

breaking 1975-1978 period come two of EW&F's most enduring studio albums, *That's the Way of the World* and *All 'N All*, the first live album of their career. Gratitude, and their first collection of hits and signature album tracks, *The Best of Earth, Wind & Fire Vol. 1*.

All four have been digitally re-mastered and are in stores

now. The latest expanded editions (with multiple bonus tracks and newly-commissioned liner notes on each) in the Rhythm & Soul Series of Columbia/Legacy is a division of Sony Music. The restoration was carried out at Sony Music Studios in New York by reissue producer Leo Sacks, now in his fourth year of supervising the Rhythm & Soul Series, and by engineer Mark Wilder. These expanded editions on EW&F join a multitude of critically-hailed restoration projects successfully undertaken by Legacy on an eclectic range of pop, R&B, jazz, folk, and country artists including Aerosmith, Dave Brubeck, the Byrds, Johnny Cash, Miles Davis, Bob Dylan, Duke Ellington, Carole King, Ted Nugent, Loudon Wainwright III, and many others.

Each of these multi-platinum EW&F albums contains previously unreleased bonus tracks, ranging from the "Original Sketches" included on *That's the Way of the World*, to the "Live Bonus Medley" comprising four songs heard at the end of *Gratitude*.

Special attention is directed to the *Earth, Wind & Fire Mega Mix 2000* on *The Best of*, a state-of-the-art, turn-of-the-millennium sound experience in two versions, "Maurice & Leo's Mega Mix 2000" and "KTU Mega Mix 2000."

Maxi Priest hitting fans with a "CombiNation"

LOS ANGELES — Virgin Records reggae/pop titan Maxi Priest will make a much-anticipated return to America's concert stages later this summer, as he embarks on a series of nationwide tour dates in support of his upcoming album *CombiNation*.

He kicked off with an August 5 show in Seattle, Washington, where tour dates will continue across the U.S. through early autumn.

The tour announcement came as Priest was awaiting the worldwide release of his new album *CombiNation*.

The new album's

arrival was heralded by the debut single/video "Mary's Got A Baby."

The track pairs Priest with reggae's hottest toaster (and Priest's new Virgin labelmate) Beenie Man, who joins Priest in director Kevin Bray's video clip.

"Mary's Got A Baby" also reunites Priest with producer Robert Livingston, who earlier produced reggae/rapper Shaggy's multi-platinum smash album *Boombastic* and the hit song "That Girl" performed by Priest and Shaggy.

Priest's *CombiNation* album - his seventh for Virgin - marks a new mile-

stone in an astonishing career which has seen him release a slew of worldwide hits, including the 1990 smash "Close To You" which hit No. 1 on America's Billboard pop chart.

Priest has embraced pop, reggae, and R&B influences in his hitmaking musical style.

All those themes will be showcased during his upcoming tour dates.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is requesting proposals from qualified Engineering, Landscaping and Construction to provide the following equipment and manpower on a daily basis for a period of time to be moved from 115 days.

One (1) Backhoe with Operator, one (1) dump truck, one (1) laborer, and various landscape tools (i.e. shovels, rakes, pruners, brush, etc.). A chipper capable of chipping stumps and trees shall be required on a daily basis as requested.

It is the intent of the Housing Authority to remove and replace the Backhoe and landscaping items from the grounds of Robinson Village, Schwartz Homes (N.J. 22-15) and replace, restore, and seal the affected areas.

Hand carried or loaded proposals on Contractors to be mailed by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in their office at 1810 10th Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, on Thursday, August 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time. Site inspection can be arranged by calling Mr. Andres Eato at 732-745-5119 during normal business hours.

Performance Bonds are not required for this proposal. Proposers are required to comply with the requirements of the Housing Authority and its Insurance Policy.

The Authority reserves the right to reject all or all proposals and waive any informality thereto. The Authority reserves the right to reject any particular proposal. The proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
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• Main St. & A. Harrison St.

• Main St. & E. Springfield St.

• Main St. at Forum Mills Dept. store

• Main St. at Diner

• Main St. & Lincoln St. at DMV

• Main St. & N. East

• Main St. at N. Mann

• Main St. & Cleveland St.

• East Orange Train Station

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